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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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These annexes consist of a total of 1 sheets.
3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
 - I ☒ Basis of the report
 - II ☐ Priority
 - III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
 - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI ☐ Certain documents cited
 - VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/EP2003/006562

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
 pages _____ 1-7 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the claims:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____ 1-3 _____, filed with the letter of _____ 07 May 2004 (07.05.2004)
- ☒ the drawings:
 pages _____ 1/2-2/2 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

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- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
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- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

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- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1 - 3	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1 - 3	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 3	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Subject matter: gear shifting device

Prior art: DE-A-100 16 364 (D1) shows a gear shifting device having the features of the preamble of claim 1.

Problem: to simplify a gear shifting or selector shaft and to prevent its stability from being affected. D1 shows a complex bearing on the gear shifting or selector shaft for the device which holds the rod, part of the gear shifting or selector shaft being provided with external teeth; this is a complicated solution and could affect the stability of the shaft.

Solution: by the characterising features of claim 1. The claimed combination of features is not known from or suggested by the searched prior art.

Claim 1 and dependent claims 2 and 3 therefore meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3).